

At the time Col. Campbell reported to me, I felt much exhausted from fatigue and loss of rest, I therefore in as much as I considered the riot quelled on the evening of the 16th and believed it only necessary to place guards at the different stations to preserve order, and arrest any violators of the peace of the State, left Col. Campbell in command, and retired to this place, leaving Lt. Col. Cooke to co-operate with him, who had kindly consented to act as my aid, and through whom my orders were given.

Col. Campbell reported to me, that every thing was quiet during the time of his detachment being on duty, "but apprehended there might be danger should the military be immediately withdrawn." He was relieved on the night of the 20th by the troops from Annapolis, under the command of Col. Chase, whose command occupied the stations at the 8th sec. 1st div. and 5th sec. 2d div. until the morning of the 22d, when the Company stationed at the 5th sec. was moved to Waterloo, and the same evening marched to the 8th. sec. 1st div., leaving a guard in charge of the prisoners. Col. Chase was ordered on the 23d to return to Annapolis with his prisoners, and to dismiss his command. It was not then thought necessary to keep troops stationed along the line, as the labourers were generally returning to work, and numbers quietly moving off.

The Military force would not have been kept so long on duty, but for the daily reports made by the Agents of the Company, that until the labourers should return to their work it would not be safe to withdraw the troops from the stations, especially where the murders had been committed.

About twelve of the prisoners were committed for trial by the Civil authority, and are now in jail at Annapolis, but I regret to state that one of the ringleaders in the riots, made his escape on the night of the 21st during a storm.

The prisoners, amounting to 31, taken by the detachment of troops from the Savage Factory on the 16th, were discharged by the Civil authority on the evening of the 17th while I was engaged on the Rail Road—upon what grounds I have not yet been able to learn.

I cannot sir, close this communication without stating that I feel myself under very great obligations to Lt. Col. Cooke for his services during the riots—and am much indebted to Thomas Snowden jr. Esq., who attended me as a civil officer, to Brig. Gen. Steuart for his compliance with my requisitions, in the absence of Major Gen. Smith, and to the officers and troops comprising the different detachments.